receiving said merchandise order from said central station, said store station including a portable station movable by a user about a product storage space, and additionally comprising the step of transmitting a record of the merchandise order to a store station for requesting payment for the merchandise order.

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50. (Added) The method of claim 40 wherein said assembling step includes determining whether the product identification entered by the customer is a valid product identification.

REMARKS

Consideration of the above added claims is respectfully requested.

The above claims are submitted to define the invention over the known prior art.

In light of the foregoing, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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